

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 88, “Fishing Tournaments,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment more clearly conveys the definition of “fishing tournament” as an event involving 6 or more boats or 12 or more participants, except for waters of the Mississippi River where the number of boats shall be 20 or more or the number of participants shall be 40 or more, or when an entry fee is charged or prizes or other inducements are awarded, no matter the number of boats or participants. The proposed amendment exempts from the permit requirement fishing events held for educational purposes and sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before July 20, 2010. Such written materials should be directed to Martin Konrad, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794; or E-mail Martin.Konrad@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Fisheries Bureau at (515)281-6976 or at the Bureau offices on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

Also, there will be a public hearing on July 20, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4E, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. At the public hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special needs, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 462A.16 and 481A.38.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 571—88.1(462A,481A) as follows:

571—88.1(462A,481A) Definition.

“Fishing tournament” means any organized fishing event with, except for fishing events held for educational purposes and sponsored by the department of natural resources, involving any of the following:

1. ~~6~~ Six or more boats or 12 or more participants ~~where an entry fee is charged or prizes or other inducements are awarded~~, except for waters of the Mississippi River, where the number of boats shall be 20 or more and the number of participants shall be 40 or more.

2. An entry fee is charged.

3. Prizes or other inducements are awarded.